



# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Small Entity)

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

"FENCE POST ACCESSORY APPARATUS"

and invented by:

BURKART, ET AL.

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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### Application Elements

1. ☐ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 20 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
- a. ☐ Formal      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Informal      Number of Sheets      10
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- c. ☐ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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17. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

18. ☐ Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):

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19. ☒ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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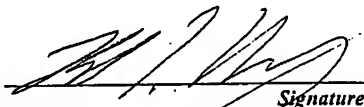
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For: "FENCE POST ACCESSORY  
APPARATUS"

**Mail Stop: Amendments**  
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) Group Art Unit: 3679

) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

) **SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment where the priorities in the first paragraph of the specification are corrected. These priorities were correctly stated on the transmittal when the present application was filed (a copy of the transmittal is provided herewith). Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that any fees are due even though the priorities in the first paragraph are being amended and it is beyond the four month time limit. This belief is due to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy not requiring a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) as stated in MPEP 201.112.III.D.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: